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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Pollution by Chinese Products
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the cheap Chinese products available to the consumers in the country have become a source of heavy environmental pollution and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the steps being taken by the Government to put a stop to import of cheap products from China so as to check pollution by such products; and
(c) whether the Government has any plan to use new technology to manufacture products comparable to China in terms of pricing indigenously and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Cheap product of inferior quality can be a source of environment pollution due to short shelf life thereby increasing waste management problems. The exact quantity of waste generated due to cheap products has not been assessed specifically in respect of cheap Chinese goods by Central Pollution Control Board or by State Pollution Control Boards.

(b)Measures to control import and export of goods from other countries are regulated through international agreements and includes initiation of anti-dumping proceedings. However, no country specific environmental norms to prevent import of cheap goods have been mandated by Ministry of Environment.Forest and Climate Change.

(c) Series of measures have been taken by Government including the Make in India campaign to use new technology and develop competitive manufacturing capacity including pricing.

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